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■ A tawny frogmouth owl and her twins nesting in an Echuca West property.

Photo: JESS HANSEN

Owl twins at home

Echuca West resident Gil Crouch believes he has a rare sight in his backyard gum tree — a tawny frogmouth owl nesting with her twins.

The family of birds is perched about 12 metres from the ground and are almost disguised by the gum tree's limbs.

Mr Crouch, a lover of nature, said even though he was not an expert, it was a rarity to see twins.

"It's such a rarity to see these birds and you

normally might only see one baby, so twins are great," he said.

"I discovered them in the tree out the back about four days ago but I reckon they have been there a lot longer than that.

"They're so motionless considering all the wind we have had and I haven't noticed them even though I've been walking under that branch more than a dozen times."

Mr Crouch is hoping the birds remain in his backyard gum tree.

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■ Waterways Authority NSW officer Graeme Goodsell inspects the Murray River for snags and rope swings.
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Flow to Murray

Echuca-Moama looks set to be swamped with visitors coming to the Murray River this summer in search of water deep enough for their sports.

Boating enthusiasts, skiers and swimming campers are more than likely to choose the Murray River as an alternative to the likes of Lake Eildon, which is at just 20 per cent capacity.

Graeme Goodsell, from the Waterways Authority NSW in Moama, who patrols the area between Echuca and Mulwala, said the people were already flocking to the Murray River.

"It is already busy. There are a lot more people on the river at this time of year than there has been for quite a number of years," Mr Goodsell said.

"The reason being because there is a lack of water at most other recreational water spots."

Echuca-Moama Tourism manager Maureen Bennett said Goulburn Murray Waters Tourism was about to embark on a marketing campaign promoting the region and the Murray River in particular.

"It will promote the fact there is a substantial amount of water in the Murray River and it is good for recreational purposes," Mrs Bennett said.

"And we believe there will be more people along the Murray River this year than usual which will be good for the region, and we will be able to accommodate them."

The expected influx of water skiers, swimmers

and boating people, has prompted strong warnings about submerged tree stumps and other hazardous objects from Waterways Authority NSW and Marine Safety Victoria.

Although the Murray River is not experiencing the low levels of other inland waterways, Mr Goodsell has called on the public to be aware of snags in the river.

"We urge people not to dive or jump into brown water because you cannot see what is underneath. Just because the river level is high, it doesn't mean there are not any submerged objects or objects not usually seen like old car bodies," Mr Goodsell said.

"In the past few years we have had three tragedies in the Echuca-Moama area on the Murray River and we don't want that happening this year."

"People who enjoy boating and other water activities need to abide by the three C's — care, courtesy and commonsense, watch out for snags and do not use rope swings."

Marine Safety Victoria has issued a warning to all boat users to be cautious while boating in inland waterways which are experiencing low water levels due to the drought.

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Inside: PADDLEWHEEL PETE

**comment**

Trent Horneman

Life goes on

Flicking through a newspaper last week, I noticed a story on a ring of VCE cheats who have been exposed.

I agree that what the 70 students in Melbourne did was wrong, but I think there needs to be a strong look at the pressures on year 12 students.

As someone who completed my secondary education just two years ago, I can relate to the world of emotions surrounding that dreaded final mark.

For some it will mean the jubilation of getting into that wonderful wizzbang course at prestigious (and expensive) university, while for some it is the end of the world.

When I logged on to the internet site and found my final ranking staring me in the face I thought my life was over, because, quite simply, my dreams seemed shattered. The results were not high enough for what I wanted to do.

Following second and third round offers I could still not find a journalism course for me.

But just when I thought all was lost, I found my way into what I wanted to do — a different way, but a way achieving the same end result.

For the final two years of my secondary schooling I was gearing up to receive that final mark, but in the end it was just an anti-climax on the road to success.

So, my message for all those nervous year 12 students out there who are eagerly awaiting their results is this:

No matter what your final mark is, remember, it is not the end of the world.

Don't think that you have to go to university just because you feel pressured into it.

There is a wealth of exciting opportunities awaiting you.

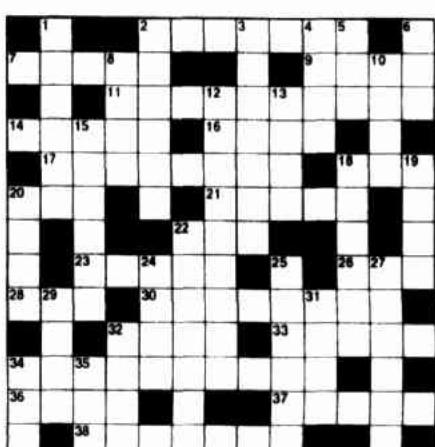
Whether it be through an apprenticeship, TAFE course or on the job training, there is a career there for you, if you are willing to work hard.

The pressure to risk your VCE mark and a criminal record over a few extra marks in a subject is absolutely insane.

For those who will receive their results next Monday, good luck, but remember do not hinge your futures on those numbers staring at you on the screen or piece of paper.

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- 2 Touch
- 7 Anaesthetic
- 9 Pay attention
- 11 Reproves severely
- 14 Fine brown
- 16 Garble
- 17 Is in the chair
- 18 Bishop's territory
- 20 Greek letter
- 21 Result from
- 22 Favourite
- 23 Indian state
- 26 Gelid
- 28 Slippery fish
- 30 First
- 32 Scheme
- 33 Strong winds
- 34 Driving from place of rest
- 36 Drug-yielding plant
- 37 Chemical compound
- 38 Walked like a duck

DOWN

- 1 Soaks
- 2 Fold
- 3 Three-pronged spear
- 4 Easy talk
- 5 Perfect score
- 6 Bitter wretch
- 8 One of the Great Lakes
- 10 Timber-dressing tool
- 12 Buying back
- 13 Unmarried woman
- 15 Original
- 18 Story in instalments
- 19 Whirlpool
- 20 Brownish-purple
- 22 Marched in procession
- 24 Alone
- 25 Wrote signature
- 27 Smart
- 29 Wicked
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- 35 Female pig

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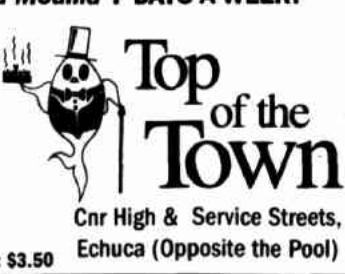
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■ **New faces (back) Kate Lewis and Rob Johnson, (middle seated) Paul Gallimore and Ashley Taylor (front) Jessica Galvin and Scott Tivendale are looking forward to starting the new year.**

group would add a new dimension to the school's teaching and support staff.

All six new staff members are looking forward to their first day at Echuca High School on January 28.

"We are really excited about the new crew coming on," he said.

Speak out

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Knowing the result of the state election, would you have voted differently?

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Kevin Hall, Rochester:

No, I wouldn't vote differently, because I vote who I vote for.



Danya Years, Mt Dandenong:

No, because I voted for Labor anyway.



Joy Clancy, Echuca:

No, I always stick to my beliefs.



Alan Pegg, Ballarat:

No, because I think the current state government is doing the right thing by Victorians.

Mean Christmas spirit

The Christmas spirit of one Moama family has been shaken after their front yard Christmas display was vandalised twice last week.

Vandals attacked lights on Tuesday night before going back for a second time on Thursday night to destroy more light wires, steal around 40 globes and break parts of the display sleigh.

For the past six years, Rick and Julie-Anne Smolenaars have created themed Christmas displays in the front yard of their Chancery St home.

From the "Aussie Santa" display to this year's theme of Santa and his reindeer skiing on the Murray River, the Smolenaars' Christmas display is a favourite among those who regularly tour around the district's Christmas displays.

However, after two attacks on the display in a space of two days, the family has been forced to put up a sign saying "this display will not be operating for a few days due to vandalism".

And they may have to move the Christmas display behind the yard fence to protect it from any further damage.

After the first attack, Rick said he spent around \$60 replacing the lights damaged overnight on Tuesday.

"I was very very angry when I went out and saw some of the globes missing but then I saw all the wires and I got even more angry," he said. "I don't know why anyone would do something like this."

"It will now be Sunday before I can get to the display to fix it up and then I don't trust anyone to leave the display out."

He said he was very upset by the attacks as it was all done in the Christmas spirit.

"It's very heartbreaking as we do this for the Christmas spirit and for the kids," Rick said.

"I'm so disappointed because not even my daughter Mikely has seen the display because she goes to bed around 8.30pm."

"I am very tempted to take it all down but I don't want to let those people who did this beat me."



Mikely Smolenaars, 15-months, with the sign her father Rick set up after the vandalism.

Boat and trailer hits car

A speedboat and trailer struck a parked car in Ogilvie Avenue, Echuca, at 11.10am yesterday, causing considerable damage to the car.

The speedboat and trailer were being towed by a small bus when the trailer coupling welds came apart, with the boat and trailer veering across the road and into the parked car.

The boat and trailer went underneath the car, bursting the petrol tank. Echuca Fire Brigade attended, using sand supplied by the Shire of Campaspe to soak up the spilled petrol.

Echuca police said there were no injuries and no charges in relation to the accident.

A car left in a car park in Mitchell St, Echuca, was stolen between 11pm Thursday and 6.30am Friday.

The car was later recovered 80 metres south of where it was parked.

Echuca police said there was no force used to gain entry to the car, while nothing was stolen.

A security officer at the Atomic Pool Hall in Darling St, Echuca, was assaulted at 12.45am yesterday.

The security officer was allegedly punched in the face by an unknown male, of stocky build and wearing jeans, who was leaving the premises.

There were no injuries from the attack.

A silver Malvern Star racing bike, valued at \$350, was stolen from the Harvest Hotel's bottle shop between 9.30pm and 11.50pm Saturday.

The bike was left leaning against a wall at the rear of the bottle shop.

Seven outdoor chairs, valued at \$140, were stolen from the Settlement Motor Inn in High St, Echuca, between 9pm Thursday and 6am Friday.

A rear sun louvre was stolen from a car parked in the driveway of a home in Minor St, Echuca, between 3.30pm and 10pm Friday.

The sun louvre was valued at \$200.

Cigarettes were stolen from the Shell Service Station in Sturt St, Echuca, at 2am Friday.

Echuca police said entry was gained when a window was broken at the back of the cashier's counter.

The value of the stolen cigarettes and damage was yet to be assessed.

A pair of shoes valued at \$20 was stolen from Clint's Crazy Bargains in Annesley St, Echuca, at 9.30am Thursday.

A 43-year-old Echuca female was later arrested and will appear in court at a later date.

Landy shire visit

The Governor of Victoria, John Landy, and Mrs Landy will visit Campaspe Shire on Thursday and Friday.

The two-day visit, a first for Mr Landy in his position as Governor, represented a wonderful opportunity to showcase and discuss issues relating to the region, mayor John Elbrough said.

During the visit Mr Landy will officially open the Environmental Resource Centre at the Kyabram Fauna Park which houses a theatre, classrooms and exhibition gallery.

The itinerary also includes a visit to the Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE in Echuca, the Nanneela Primary School, Murray Goulburn at Rochester, the Rushworth Museum, the recently opened Rushworth Community Bank, Heinz Watties and the Paramount Theatre at Echuca.

After a visit to the historic Port of Echuca precinct, Mr and Mrs Landy will enjoy lunch aboard a paddlesteamer.

Council will be hosting a civic reception for Mr and Mrs Landy where invited members of the community, service clubs and businesses will have the opportunity to meet and talk to the Governor.

Fires

Echuca Fire Brigade was called out to an oven fire at a home in Francis St at 11.47am yesterday.

Brigade secretary Alan Eley said the oven was inadvertently turned on, with waste fat on the griller igniting.

The occupants of the home used a fire blanket to slow down the blaze, with the brigade taking only a few minutes to put the fire out.

The brigade also attended a small fire under the Campaspe River bridge at Ogilvie Avenue at 5.20pm Saturday.

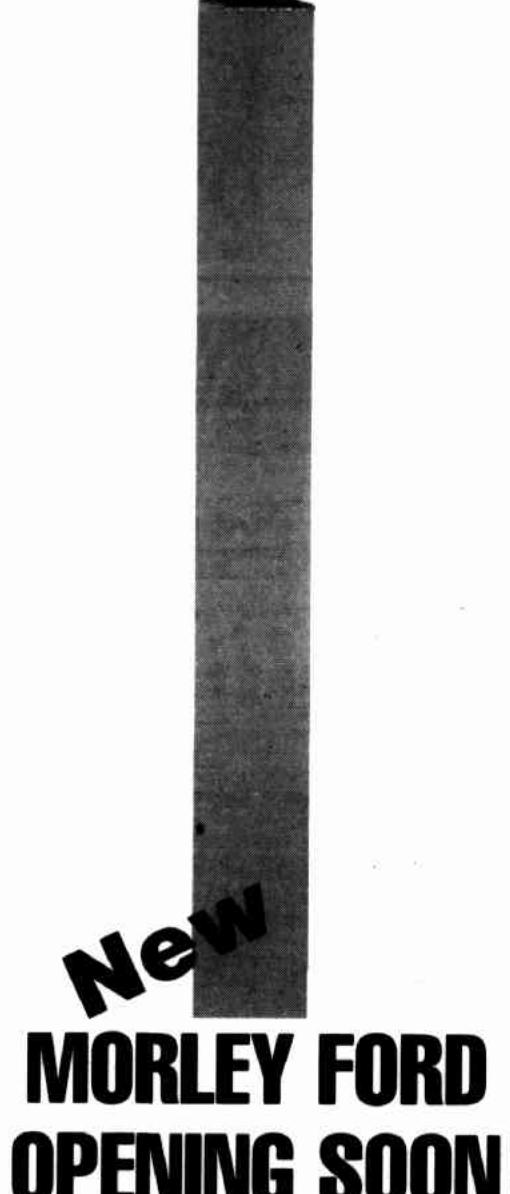
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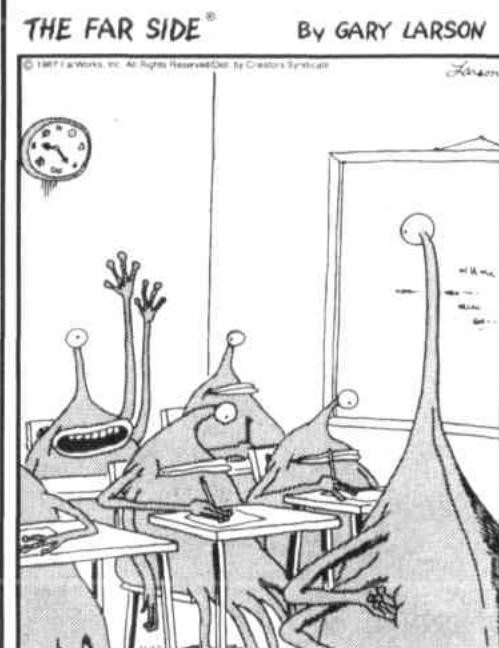
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Border Inn, Moama, has had a transformation, inside and out.

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Revamp at hotel

"We'll be having anti pasto and cheese platters in the cafe bar to complement the large list of affordable to premium wines, including Brown Brothers on tap," Danny said.

Lunch and dinner will be available seven days a week with late breakfast on weekends from 7.30am to 11.30am.

The extensive refurbishment also includes new gaming facilities with 16 gaming machines and updated TAB facilities.

"We welcome regular and new customers to come and enjoy what we have to offer."

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► The new al fresco setting at the Border Inn.

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Pets and their food

Eastend Pet Foods has expanded in a big way.

New owners Jason and Kylie Harris have refurbished the store to offer pets to the people of Echuca and the surrounding area, as well as a bigger range in food and other stock.

"We're selling cats, dogs and birds," Jason said.

"Plus we are offering new stock in dry dog food, fresh meat, bulk and loose bird seed, oaten chaff, and fishing tackle and bait, which is our biggest seller besides the fresh meat."

As well as accessories such as bird cages, rabbit hutches and collars, the business also caters for pets which have special dietary



► Jason and Kylie Harris, a new lifestyle.

requirements by selling top brands such as supercoat and science diet. The idea of branching out was in order to reach the needs of all their customers.

"We have everything in the one spot and can cater for all needs," Jason said.

East End Pet Foods, 151 Pakenham St, Echuca, phone 5480 1661.

Revamp at hotel

"We'll be having anti pasto and cheese platters in the cafe bar to complement the large list of affordable to premium wines, including Brown Brothers on tap," Danny said.

The renovations, which started in March, have been completed, making way for a new era in dining and entertainment, according to manager Danny Powell.

"We wanted to broaden our range of appeal," Danny said. "We hope the new changes will create a relaxed atmosphere and we want to

provide a destination venue for people to eat and stay."

The Powell family and John Bennett, who have managed the Border Inn for 12 years, have opted for a complete new feel, new furniture, solid red gum bars throughout and open, breezy spaces.

"The new function room caters for 120 people with all function and conference facilities including sound system, lighting and projector."

"The bistro area has been replaced with a new cafe bar with an al fresco feel. The area seats 100 people inside and comfortably fits 50 people in the beer garden."

The Border Inn kitchen now has two new chefs in Warwick Newman and Sean Roberts who will be starting the new extensive menu tomorrow.

"We welcome regular and new customers to come and enjoy what we have to offer."

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► The new al fresco setting at the Border Inn.

From the mayor

Awards

I would like to remind community groups and residents that nominations for the Campaspe Shire Australia Day Awards close on Friday 10 January 2003.

The award categories are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year and Community Event/Group of the Year.

The Campaspe Shire Australia Day Awards recognise citizens who have given outstanding service for the progress and development of a local community.

The Campaspe Shire Australia Day Awards are two-fold. The communities of Rushworth, Rochester, Kyabram, Echuca and Tongala call for nominations and select award winners for each category.

The Australia Day Awards Committee then has the enormous task of selecting the overall Campaspe Shire Australia Day Awards winners of each category.

If you know of someone who has contributed to your local community, why not nominate them for an Australia Day Award.

With the busy Christmas Season upon us it is important to register nominations now.

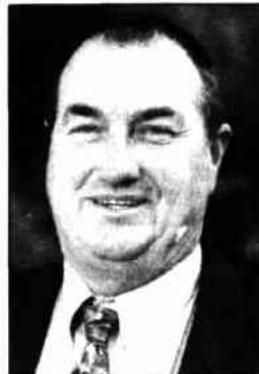
Nominations for the 2003 awards are available from all Customer Service Centres.

Drought

The continuing drought conditions are affecting many people, not only in our region, but across Australia.

Businesses, community groups and individuals across Australia have been raising funds to help those in need.

It was very heartwarming to hear last week that the Westbourne Grammar School in Hoppers Crossing



■ Cr John Elborough

held a fund raiser for drought relief and have selected the Rochester Preschool as the recipient of \$1500 of the funds raised.

The Rochester Preschool invited Cr Murray McDonald to accept the cheque on behalf of the school today at the centre.

This is a wonderful gesture from the children at the Westbourne Grammar School and one that will be remembered for a long time.

Congratulations are extended to Liz Dillon and her Committee for the recent 'Let It Rain' event held in Kyabram.

The day raised approximately \$19,000 which will be handed over to the Salvation Army for distribution to our farming families in the district.

Nominations for the 2003 awards are available from all Customer Service Centres.

Problem fixed

Murray Shire Council has completed work on the Mathoura Recreational Reserves' sprinkler system.

In recent weeks the water system has been inconsistently watering the oval.

After investigating the sprinkler system problem, it was discovered the filter on the raw water line leading to the pump was severely blocked and not functioning.

Council staff replaced the filter and nine damaged sprinkler heads at a cost of \$1334.

VCE art on show



■ Echuca Secondary College student Trudie Watson shows off her emotional sculpture.

State award

Ballendella Primary School has taken out this year's State Award for the Victorian School Garden competition.

The school took out the category one state award for its innovative energy efficient garden.

The primary school will receive \$660 for its efforts in creating a unique school garden.

Both Ballendella and Lockington Consolidated School were two of 35 Victorian schools presented with regional awards.

Lockington Consolidated School was nominated for the state award but narrowly missed out on the top state award.

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A life line

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To obtain a kit phone Lifeline's Just Ask service on 1300 131 114 or for counselling contact Lifeline on 131 114.



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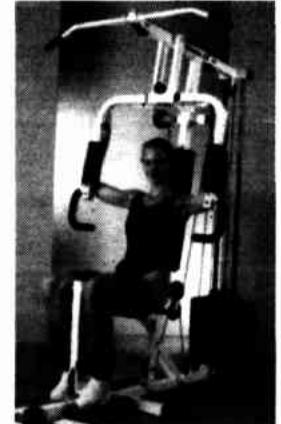
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Your seven day stars

AQUARIUS Jan 21 to Feb 19

Aquarian judgment and intuition are sound at present, so you need not be discouraged by other people's opposition to your proposals. Where love and marriage are concerned, this is a particularly fruitful period. Lucky colour red; lucky number 10.

PISCES Feb 20 to Mar 20

Pisceans are susceptible to irrational mood swings, switching from gloom to jollity without much reason apart from the effect of atmospheric pressure. Don't expect the people around you to mirror these variations. Lucky colour black; lucky number 1.

ARIES Mar 21 to Apr 20

What has lately been a shaky relationship will be moving on to a much firmer footing. You can smooth the way forward if you stifle the instinct to offer unwanted instruction and advice, however well-intended. Lucky colour brown; lucky number 6.

TAURUS Apr 21 to May 21

One of the many pitfalls that plague every human existence can be avoided if you only listen this week to someone who has either fallen into it personally or managed to avoid it by means of imitation. Lucky colour silver; lucky number 11.

GEMINI May 22 to June 21

Buying things for other people is always difficult, since tastes differ so widely. Your best course this week might be to have the article you like yourself put by for inspection and approval by the intended recipient. Lucky colour blue; lucky number 4.

CANCER June 22 to July 23

In this week's fragile atmosphere words uttered carelessly or in jest could easily cause offence to people you would never wish deliberately to displease. Take special care to choose your words diplomatically. Lucky colour pink; lucky number 7.

LEO July 24 to Aug 23

You are in danger of being stamped into a hasty judgment. Take all the time that's needed to weigh all the pros and cons so as to come to the deeply considered and prudent decision you will not live to regret. Lucky colour gold; lucky number 2.

VIRGO Aug 24 to Sept 23

Being hopelessly outnumbered, you are going to be shouted down in an argument. Yet your view may well triumph in the long run. Consider all the progress won for us by lone brave dissenters. Lucky colour green; lucky number 5.

LIBRA Sept 24 to Oct 23

Someone you've no reason to love is thinking of imposing on your good nature, expecting an inconvenient favour. You might consider treating yourself to the satisfaction of giving a dusty answer. Lucky colour grey; lucky number 9.

SCORPIO Oct 24 to Nov 22

Strong wills are about to collide, and neither can prevail in a sterile stalemate of inflexible diametrically-opposed opinions. It will take the guile and skill of a disinterested third party to achieve any progress. Lucky colour yellow; lucky number 3.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23 to Dec 20

Sagittarians are sometimes accused of being easily led, but present efforts to persuade you to abandon ingrained moral scruples are unlikely to succeed. Stick to your principles. Lucky colour white; lucky number 8.

CAPRICORN Dec 21 to Jan 20

There's a bargain to be gained if you have the wit to make an audaciously low offer for an originally expensive article which has sustained superficial damage that can be easily concealed. Lucky

Die Another Day — The Tradition Continues

"Die Another Day" starts with a spectacular Hovercraft chase through a deadly minefield in the demilitarised zone separating North and South Korea — and the action doesn't let up until the credits roll.

From Hong Kong to Cuba to London, James Bond (Pierce Brosnan) circles the globe in his quest to unmask a traitor and prevent a war of catastrophic proportions.



On his way he crosses paths with Jinx (Oscar-winner Halle Berry) and Miranda Frost (Rosamund Pike), women who will play vital roles in his adventure.

Hot on the trail of evil megalomaniac Gustav Graves (Toby Stephens) and his ruthless right-hand man Zao (Rick Yune), Bond travels

to Iceland and into the villain's lair, a fantastic palace built entirely of ice, where he experiences firsthand the power of a new hi-tech weapon.

Ultimately it all leads to an explosive confrontation — an unforgettable conclusion — back in Korea where it all started.

"Die Another Day" is the 20th film in the most successful cinema franchise of all time. Principal photography began on Monday, January 14, at Pinewood Studios, London, the traditional home of the Bond movies. Produced for Eon Productions and MGM Pictures by Michael G. Wilson

and Barbara Broccoli, "Die Another Day" carries on the family tradition founded by the late Albert R 'Cubby' Broccoli, who began the series 40 years ago (with Harry Saltzman) with the groundbreaking "Dr. No".

"Die Another Day" (M) begins at the Echuca Paramount Cinemas this Thursday, December 12.

For session times log onto www.echucaparamount.com, call the Showtime Information Line on 1900 93 1166 (calls charged at 82.5 cents per minute and are higher from pay and mobile phones) or check out Friday's Riv.

A taste to enjoy Yummy

Cherry Muffins

(Makes 16)

Ingredients:
 2 cups plain flour
 4 tsp baking powder
 ½ cup raw sugar
 1 tsp salt
 400g cherries, pitted & roughly chopped
 2 eggs
 ½ cup butter, melted
 1 cup milk
 Cinnamon sugar for topping
 Grease muffin tins well.

Method:
 Sift the dry ingredients together in large bowl. Add the cherries to dry mix and mix until well coated. In a small bowl beat the eggs. Add the melted butter and milk. Quickly stir the liquid mixture into the dry mix. Do not over-mix as over-blending will cause a tough texture. Fill muffin cups ½ full, and sprinkle lightly with cinnamon-sugar topping. Bake at 200 degrees celcius for 18 to 20 minutes or until nicely browned.

'Tis the season to be cherry. Cherries are said to date back to 300 BC and were named after the Turkish town of Cerasus.

For centuries they've been

admired for not only for their

delicious flavour, but also for

their decorative beauty.

In Australia, commercial

growers have been producing

cherries since the early 1800s and

today, more than 400 cherry

farmers harvest about 10,000

tonnes of premium quality fruit

every year.

Most is for domestic consumption,

however Australian cherries

are becoming increasingly popular

in South East Asia, in the

United Kingdom and Europe,

where they can be enjoyed when

local supplies are not available.

While the rich flavour of

cherries has enticed food lovers

for centuries, the health benefits

provide another excuse to indulge.

The day when doctors will

prescribe cherries to patients may

not be too far away!

They are also rich in two important flavonoids — isoquertin and queritin, with the latter considered to be one of the most potent anti-cancer agents ever discovered.

Cherries also contain compounds that can help relieve the pain of arthritis, gout and even headaches.

That's because Anthocyanin,

the substance that gives red cherries their colour, hinders the

two enzymes affected by pain

killing drugs such as aspirin, so

could help to relieve pain and

inflammation.

Yet another health benefit —

cherries contain a significant

quantity of melatonin, a natural

hormone that controls sleepiness

at night, wakefulness during the

day and functions as an

antioxidant to help the body

destroy free radicals. Eating cher-

ries boosts the antioxidant capacity in the body by increasing the level of melatonin found in the blood. And to think they taste good too.

The average cherry tree produces about 7000 cherries.

However children who like to use cherries as earrings to loop over their ears, may be foiled by the introduction of a sizing machine used by the growers which has led to more nice, plump single-stemmed cherries — and fewer double and triple stems!

Australia's cherry industry is

growing rapidly and now ac-

counts for about 1 per cent of

world production. This is ex-

pected to double in the next

decade due to significant plant-

ings in the past few years.

Annual cherry production in

Australia has varied over past

years due to climatic conditions.

In 1999/2000, the gross value of

production from around 1.6

million cherry trees was esti-

mated at \$45 million.

Echuca from 6.30pm. Inquiries to

Heather Bradley on 5482 2736.

community supper. Inquiries to Kevin and Ruth on 5482 3955.

Bamawm Extension Hall Com-
mittee is holding its social indoor
bowls night on Friday, December 13
from 7.30pm at the Bamawm Exten-
sion Hall. Inquiries to T Hicks on 5483
2238.

Echuca Bird Observers is holding its
Christmas Break-up aboard the PS
Adelaide at 11.15am.

Former members and friends are
invited to join the shared Christmas
luncheon. The PS Adelaide leaves
from the Echuca Wharf. Inquiries to
Nance Marriott on 5482 4995.

Picola Hall Committee is holding its

dance on Saturday, December 14
from 8pm. Music by Don Dunnachie.
Inquiries to J. Holland on 5869 1274.

Echuca-Moama Uniting Church is
inviting people to its Cantata entitled
"Heavens Child" on Sunday, Decem-
ber 15 at the Echuca-Moama Uniting
Church from 7.30pm. Inquiries to
Ruth Membrey on 5482 2501.

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Moama Neighbourhood Watch is holding a meeting on Tuesday, December 10 at Moama Shire Offices from 7.30pm. Inquiries to Lyn Crump on 5480 0081.

Echuca Branch CWA is holding its annual Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 10 at the Pastoral Hotel (opposite the Echuca station) from 11.30am. Cost of the luncheon is \$15.50 and people are encouraged to bring a friend. Bookings and inquiries to Phyllis on 5482 1757 and Nance Marriott on 5482 4995.

Echuca-Moama Uniting Church Young Parents Coffee Morning Group is holding its Christmas break-up on Tuesday, December 10 at Apex Park on High St from 10.30am. Inquiries to Sophie on 5482 4900.

Echuca Murray CWA is holding its Christmas break-up on Tuesday, December 10 at 10 Walgett Court, to bring a plate of finger food for the

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7.00 Today
9.00 Hi-5 (P)
9.30 Mornings With Kerri-Anne (PG)
10.30 Men, Women & Dogs (PG)
11.00 National Nine News
11.30 Entertainment Tonight (PG)
12.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)
1.00 Young And The Restless (PG)
2.00 Movie, Protocol (1984) (PG)
4.00 Y? (C)
4.30 Dr Phil
5.30 Burgos' Catch Phrase
6.00 Win News
6.30 National Nine News
7.00 A Current Affair
8.30 Smallville (M)
8.30 Movie, Jack Frost (1999) (PG)
10.30 Star Trek: Voyager (PG)
11.30 Win News Late Edition
12.00 Late Show (PG)
1.00 Codename: Eternity (M)
1.55 Movie, Manika, Manika: The Girl Who Lived Twice (1989)
3.45 Keynotes
4.15 Nine Lives
4.30 Paradise Beach
5.00 X-Men: Evolution
5.30 Entertainment Tonight (PG)

6.00 Sunrise
9.00 The Book Place (P)
9.30 Home Shopping
10.30 Seven News
11.00 A Country Practice
12.00 Movie, Annie Hall (1977) (M)
2.00 Once And Again (PG)
3.00 Passions (PG)
4.00 The Big Arvo (C)
4.30 The Beverly Hillbillies
5.00 MASH
5.30 Wheel Of Fortune
6.00 Seven News
6.30 Today Tonight
7.00 Harry's Practice
7.30 The High Road
8.00 Aerobics Oz Style
8.30 In The Box (P)
9.00 Good Morning Australia Summer Series (PG)
11.00 Huey's TV Dinner
11.30 Ten News
12.00 Ripley's Believe It Or Not
1.00 Victor Paul
1.30 The Best Of Beauty & The Beast (PG)
2.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
3.00 Neighbours
4.00 Totally Wild (C)
4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful
5.00 Ten News
6.00 The Simpsons
6.30 Neighbours
7.00 Ten News Summer Edition
7.30 Becker (PG)
8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30 Movie, Money Train (1995)
10.45 Ten News
11.15 Sports Tonight
11.45 Sirius TV
12.15 Nirvana Special
12.45 Deadline
1.45 Video Hits
2.00 Home Shopping
4.00 Life In The Word
4.30 Kenneth Copeland
5.00 Life Today (PG)

SOUTHERN CROSS

6.00 Aerobics Oz Style
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Television

7.30 Arthur
8.00 Wiggles!
8.30 The World Of Peter Rabbit And Friends
9.00 Titch
9.30 Play School
10.00 Tweenies
10.30 Oswald
11.05 Little Bear
11.35 Little Bear
12.00 World At Noon
12.30 Take The High Road
1.00 National Press Club Address
2.00 Parliament
3.00 The Hoobs
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5.00 Weatherwatch
5.30 Japanese News
6.05 Cantonese News
6.25 Mandarin News
6.55 Telegiornale
7.30 Das Journal
8.00 Ta Nea Ton Ennea
9.00 Le Journal
9.30 Sevdonia
9.45 Weatherwatch
10.10 Telediario
11.00 Siaran Benta
11.30 The Journal
12.00 Kaleidoskop
12.30 Movie, Gemini (1999) (M)
1.55 Weatherwatch
3.00 TV Ed
3.30 Wine Lovers' Guide To Australia
4.00 Futbol Mundial
4.30 World Sports
5.00 The NewsHour
5.50 Hotline
6.00 Global Village
6.30 World News
7.00 World Sports
7.30 Soccer, English Premier League
8.30 South Park (M)
9.00 Quads (M)
9.30 World News Tonight
10.00 Queer As Folk (MA)
10.50 Movie, Siberia (1998)
12.20 Movie, High Heels (1991) (MA)

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4.30 Dr Phil
5.30 Burgos' Catch Phrase
6.00 Win News
6.30 National Nine News
7.00 A Current Affair
7.30 Friends (PG)
8.00 Acropolis Now (PG)
8.30 The Dead Zone (M)
9.30 The Sopranos (M)
10.40 Perfect World (M)
11.10 Nine Lives
11.30 Win News Late Edition
12.00 Late Show (PG)
1.00 Waveriderz
1.20 Walker (M)
2.15 Entertainment Tonight (PG)
2.40 Movie, Spring Awakenings
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10.30 Men, Women And Dogs (PG)
11.00 National Nine News
12.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)
1.00 Young And The Restless
2.00 Movie: Dukes Of Hazzard In Hollywood (1998) (PG)
4.00 Y? (C)
4.30 Dr Phil
5.30 Burgo's Catch Phrase
6.00 Win News
6.30 National Nine News
7.00 A Current Affair
7.30 Special: Christmas With The Australian Women's Weekly
8.00 Airline (PG)
8.30 Survivor Thailand (PG)
10.30 Roswell (M)
11.30 Win News Late Edition
12.00 Late Show (PG)
1.00 Peter Benchley's Amazon (M)
1.50 Movie: The Ultimate Lie (1996) (M) (Premiere)
3.30 The Baron (PG)
4.30 Paradise Beach
5.00 X-Men: Evolution
5.30 Entertainment Tonight (PG)

6.00 Sunrise
8.00 The Book Place (P)
9.30 Home Shopping
10.30 Seven News
11.00 A Country Practice
12.00 Movie: Rough Diamonds
2.00 Once And Again (PG)
3.00 Passions (PG)
4.00 The Big Avvo (PG)
4.30 The Beverley Hillbillies
5.00 MASH
5.30 Wheel Of Fortune
6.00 Seven News
6.30 Today Tonight
7.00 Harry's Practice
7.30 8 Simple Rules For Dating My Teenage Daughter
8.00 According To Jim (PG)
8.30 Scrubs (PG)
9.30 Will & Grace (PG) Rather than be apart on Thanksgiving Day, Will and Grace join Jack and Karen for a festive holiday tour of their respective dysfunctional families.
10.25 Futurama (PG)
11.20 Seven Late News
11.50 Nash Bridges (M)
12.00 Danoz Direct
1.50 Television Shopping Network

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6.00 Aerobics Oz Style
6.30 Cheez TV
8.30 In The Box (P)
9.00 Good Morning Australia Summer Series (PG)
11.00 Huey's TV Dinner
11.30 Ten News
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1.30 The Best Of Beauty & The Beast (PG)
2.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
3.30 Neighbours
4.00 Totally Wild (C)
4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful
5.00 Ten News
6.00 The Simpsons
6.30 Neighbours
7.00 Ten News Summer Edition
7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30 Law & Order S.V.U. (M)
10.30 The Lost World (M)
11.30 Ten Late Night News
12.00 Sports Tonight
12.30 Relic Hunter (M)
1.00 Cops (M)
2.00 Home Shopping
4.00 Life In The Word
4.30 Kenneth Copeland
5.00 Life Today (PG)
5.30 This Is Your Day



8.30 The World Of Peter Rabbit And Friends
9.00 Titch
9.30 Play School
10.00 Tweenies
10.30 Oswald
11.35 Little Bear
12.00 World At Noon
12.30 Take The High Road
1.00 To Get Rich Is Glorious
2.00 Parliament
3.00 The Hoobs
3.30 Play School
4.00 Bananas
4.30 George And Martha
5.00 The Worst Witch
5.25 Catdog
6.00 Vets In Practice
6.30 Message Stick
7.00 ABC News
7.30 7.30 Report
8.00 Silent Flood
8.30 My Hero
9.00 Coupling (M)
9.30 A Many Splintered Thing (M)
10.00 True Stories: Air Force
10.30 ABC News
10.40 Fish
11.30 The Adventures Of Lano And Woodley
12.00 Parliament

5.30 Japanese News
6.05 Cantonese News
6.25 Mandarin News
6.55 Telegiornale
7.30 Das Journal
8.00 Ta Nea Ton Ennea
9.00 Le Journal
9.30 Sevdonia
10.10 Telediario
11.00 Siaran Berita
11.30 The Journal
12.00 Business Report
12.30 Man And Beast (PG)
1.25 Steps For The Future
2.15 Weatherwatch
3.00 TV Ed
3.30 A Fork In The Road
4.00 School Torque
4.30 World Sports
5.00 The NewsHour
6.00 Global Village
6.30 World News
7.00 World Sports
7.30 Family Stories (PG)
9.00 Steps For The Future (Finland)
9.30 World News Tonight
10.00 Soccer: European Champion's League
11.50 The Hypocrites (Malta)
12.30 Movie: Mambo (1997) (MA) (Spain)

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7.00 The Shapies (C)
7.30 Goodsports (C)
8.00 Pig's Breakfast (C)
8.30 Kangaroo Creek Gang (C)
9.00 Y? (C)
9.30 Outriders (C)
10.00 World's Strongest Man 2001
10.30 Waveriderz
11.00 Movie: Jungle Girl And The Lost Island Of The Dinosaurs
12.00 Burke's Backyard (Season final)
1.00 Sport Special: Weetbix Women's British Open Golf 2002
2.00 Wide World Of Sports: One Day Cricket: Australia v Sri Lanka: From The Gabba
6.00 National Nine News
6.30 Wide World Of Sports: One Day Cricket: Australia v Sri Lanka
9.59 National Nine Newsbreak
10.00 Movie: White Squall (1996)
12.40 Higher Ground (PG)
1.40 Girlfriends (M)
2.05 Movie: Trancers: III: Deth Lives (1992) (MA) (Premiere)
3.30 The Baron (PG)
4.30 Baby Blues
5.00 Jesse Duplantis Ministries

6.00 Archie's Weird Mysteries
6.30 All Dogs Go To Heaven
7.00 Saturday Disney
9.00 Fairy Tale Police (C)
9.30 Disney's Hercules
10.00 101 Dalmations
10.30 FMVTV
11.00 Junior
12.00 Tabaluga (C)
12.30 The Big Avvo (C)
1.00 Who Dares Wins
1.30 Rex Hunt Fishing Adventures
2.00 Tom And Jerry
2.10 Movie: Wonderful World Of The Brothers Grimm
5.00 The Making Of Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets
5.30 Rex Hunt Fishing Adventures
6.00 Seven News
6.30 Special: Ground Force – Battle Of The Nations III.
7.30 JAG (PG)
8.30 Stargate SG-1 (PG): SG1's visit to an alien planet with an Amish-like society brings about its destruction, and its protectors the Asgard are absent.
9.30 Movie: Grosse Pointe Blank
11.50 Movie: Breathless (1983)
1.50 Television Shopping Network

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6.00 Danoz Direct
6.30 Totally Wild (C)
7.30 The Big Cheez
9.00 Worst Best Friends (C)
9.30 Video Hits
12.00 Bright Ideas
2.00 Tomorrow's Sun
3.00 Australian Documentary: Tacugama – Forest Of Hope
4.00 Australian Documentary: Totally Australia: Beyond The Bars
5.00 Ten News
5.30 Sports Tonight
6.00 The Simpsons: Homer recounts how Maggie's accidental birth challenged his life forever.
6.30 Special Presentation: Rock Eisteddfod National Final
8.30 Movie: Licence To Kill (1989)
11.10 Special Presentation: Die Another Day – Shaken & Stirred
11.40 Ten News/Sports Tonight
12.10 Seven Days (M)
1.05 Relic Hunter (M)
2.00 Home Shopping
4.40 Randy Morrison
4.30 Key Of David
5.00 Hour Of Power



6.00 Rage
9.00 Saturday Morning Fly
12.00 Uncensored
12.30 Australian Story
1.00 Ballykissangel
1.50 Animal Rites
2.00 Movie: The Secret Of Roan Inish (1993)
3.40 Movie: Room Service (1938)
5.00 Basketball: Women's National League 2002/2003: AIS v Townsville
6.00 Landline (Final)
6.30 Richard Morecroft Goes Wild: Aussie Animal Rescue: This episode follows the progress of a young seal which has to undergo surgery.
7.00 ABC News
7.30 Jonathan Creek (PG): Life for Alice and Lenny Spearfish is just one long endurance test.
8.25 ABC News
8.30 The Bill (M)
9.25 ABC News
9.25 A Nero Wolfe Mystery (PG)
10.15 Night And Day (M)
11.05 Smack The Pony (M)
11.30 Rage (M)

7.30 Das Journal
8.00 Ta Nea Ton Ennea
9.00 Le Journal
9.30 Sevdonia
10.10 Telediario
11.00 Siaran Berita
11.30 The Journal
12.00 Business Report
12.30 2002 European Film awards
2.15 Philippe Herreweghe: And The World Became Song (Belgium)
3.15 Madredeus (France)
4.00 Sport: NFL Touchdown
4.30 Speedweek
5.30 Soccer: English Premier League Preview
6.00 Global Village
6.30 World News
7.00 World Sports
7.30 As It Happened: King Of Communism
8.30 Quads (M)
9.00 South Park (M)
9.30 Erotic Tales (MA) (Germany)
10.00 Documentary: Paying For It St Valentine: (1974) (MA) (Italy)
12.35 Documentary: Mamadrama: The Jewish Mother In Cinema
1.55 Soccer: English Premier League Match Of The Week

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2.00 Movie: The Perfect Mother
4.00 Wide World Of Sports: One Day Cricket: Australia v England: From The SCG (C)
5.00 MASH
5.30 Wheel Of Fortune
6.00 Seven News
6.30 Today Tonight
7.00 Harry's Practice
7.30 Dog Eat Dog: Ordinary Australians face mental and physical challenges in this exciting game show. Presented by Simone Kessel!



6.00 Sunrise
9.00 The Book Place (P)
9.30 Home Shopping
10.30 Seven News
11.00 A Country Practice
12.00 Movie: The Big Bus (1976)
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10.00 True Stories: Air Force
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10.40 Fish
11.30 The Adventures Of Lano And Woodley
12.00 Parliament



SOUTHERN CROSS

6.00 Funny Little Bugs
8.30 Bear In The Big Blue House
9.00 Titch
9.10 The Cubezz
9.20 Telebabies Everywhere
9.30 Play School
10.00 Tweenies
10.30 Oswald
10.40 The Tales Of The Little Grey Rabbit
11.05 Little Bear
11.35 Little Bear
12.00 World At Noon
12.30 Take The High Road
1.00 Movie: Just My Luck (1997)
2.30 Starting Out (PG)
3.00 The Hoobs
3.35 Play School
4.05 Brum
4.30 George And Martha
5.00 The Worst Witch
5.30 Ocean Girl
6.00 Eight Days A Week
6.30 Gardening Australia
7.00 ABC News
7.30 The 7.30 Report
8.00 Kiss Me Kate (PG)
8.30 At Home With The Braithwaite
9.30 100 Centre Street (M)
10.30 Clocking Off (M)
11.25 Rage (M) (Simulcast on Triple J)



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6.00 Weatherwatch
5.15 Japanese News
5.50 Cantonese News
6.25 Mandarin News
6.55 Telegiornale
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12.00 Business Report
12.30 Freedom Highway (M)
1.15 Lifeblood (PG)
2.05 Weatherwatch
3.00 TV Ed
3.30 Asia Sport
4.00 The Big Stew (Ireland)
4.30 World Sports
5.00 The NewsHour
6.00 Global Village
6.30 World News
7.00 World Sports
7.30 Family Stories (France)
9.00 Steps For The Future (Finland)
9.30 World News Tonight
10.00 Movie: The Last Contract
12.05 Eat Carpet
1.10 Movie: Keiho (1999) (MA)

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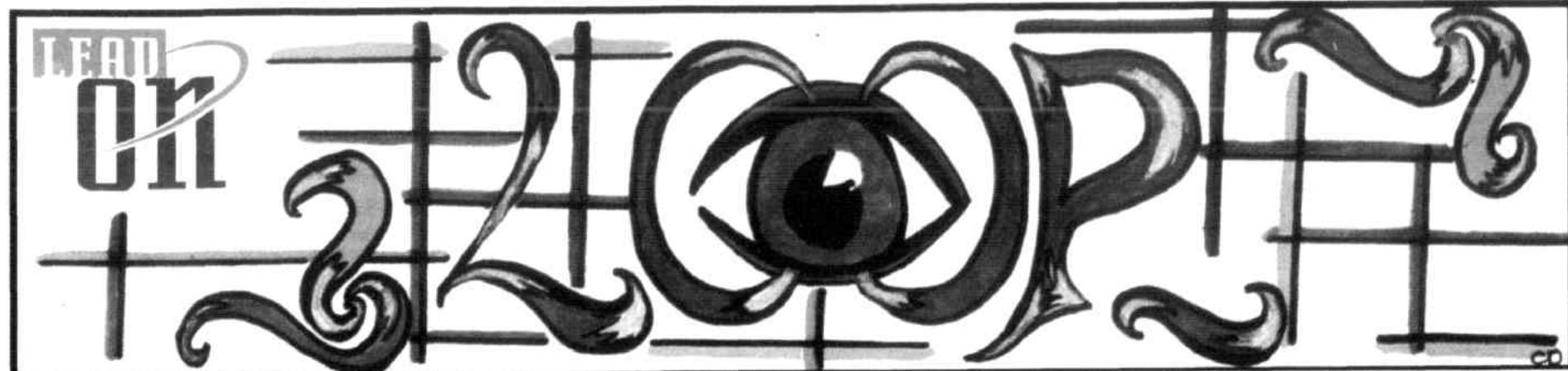
6.00 Mass For You At Home
6.30 Randy Morrison
7.00 Camelot (C)
8.00 Totally Wild (C)
8.30 Video Hits
10.30 Pepsi Live
11.00 Chili Factor
11.30 Salt
12.00 Bob Jane T Mart Bathurst 1000: Highlights
4.00 Valentino Rossi Special
4.30 B.A.R. F1 – Behind The Scenes
5.00 Ten News
5.30 Sports Tonight
6.00 Premiere Summer Edition
6.30 The Simpsons
7.00 Crossing Over With John Edward (PG)
7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond
8.00 Becker (PG)
8.30 Movie: TBA
10.40 Ten News
11.10 Sports Tonight
11.40 Movie: Kids In The Hall: Brain Candy (MA)
1.20 The Gary & Mike Show (M)
1.50 Video Hits
2.00 Home Shopping
4.00 Life In The Word
4.30 Kenneth Copeland
5.00 Life Today

SOUTHERN CROSS

7.30 Henry's World
7.55 Buzz And Poppy
8.00 The Wayne Manifesto
8.25 Oliver's Adventures
8.30 Don't Eat The Neighbours
9.00 The Human Journey
10.00 Going Public
10.30 Zoe's Company
10.35 Asia Pacific Focus (Final)
11.00 The Apostles
12.00 Landline
1.00 Gardening Australia
1.30 Message Stick
2.00 Viva Vivaldi: Cecilia Bartoli
3.45 Andre Rieu At The Royal Albert Hall
6.00 Pilot Guides
6.50 Treasure Hunt
7.00 ABC News
7.30 Schools Spectacular 2002
9.00 The Farm (M): Portrays the story of a young rural family which takes the bank to court to save its farm.
9.55 Compass: Son Of God
10.50 Wives And Daughters (Final)
12.10 Order In The House (Final)
1.10 Movie: On The Beat (1962)
3.00 Movie: Delayed Action (1954)
4.00 Radio Pictures

SOUTHERN CROSS

7.00 Hungarian News
7.30 Visnyk Ukrayn
8.00 Weatherwatch
8.55 Kale



Schoolies Week

By CLAYTON BENNETT

After the exams are over and muck-up day has been cleaned up, there is still one tradition that stands with year 12 students — Schoolies Week.

With the new movie 'Blurred' in cinemas, the celebratory trip to Queensland or surrounds has been officially recognised as part of youth culture.

Yet even though schoolies isn't for everyone, most will know someone either from school or in their group of friends who is going.

For people in Western Australia, Schoolies Week is called 'Leavers' and has the same concept, except they go to Dunsborough or Rottnest Island for their getaway.

In Victoria and New South Wales they head to the Gold Coast, Byron Bay, Noosa and Torquay. They relax in the day and party in the night.

The myths about the drug-fest that the media would have you believe aren't entirely true. There

are cases of things going wrong, yet a lot of the time Schoolies is just a way of releasing pressure and having a good time with friends before tertiary study. LOOP spoke with Western Australian university student Blake Thomson- who went to Leavers-about what went



on there and what the whole Schoolies/Leavers experience meant to him.

What did Leavers mean to you and your friends after finishing year 12?

"Leavers was one final blast. We weren't going to see everyone again, and if we did, it would be different. Also it was a big pressure release. We had studied for five weeks straight and if we did go to any parties they'd be quiet. Leavers was one of the big ones."

What did you do on your trip?

"Well, at night we drank and partied. During the day we mellowed out and relaxed."

We had a volleyball court set up at camp, someone was bright enough to bring down a cricket bat and there was a beach that we went to every day less than 200 metres away.

There were also shops and movies that we could go to as well if we had the cash."

What do you think of, and how do you feel about the Schoolies/Leavers clique?

"You mean how everyone automatically believes that we are shoe scum?"

Yes, how is that way of thinking, perpetuated by the general population, incorrect?

"Well, from what I saw, the biggest problem came from the people who lived there. One night a whole heap of locals (about 20 or so) rocked up and got the police involved, by doing burnouts.

The next morning when we got up we found they left broken bottles everywhere and have set wheely-bins on fire.

We spent from about eight until nine in the morning cleaning the area up while we were being abused by the

local residents on the mess we caused. Even if we did cause the mess, we did have the good manners to clean it up."

How has the experience of Schoolies/Leavers changed you and was it an experience you'll never forget?

"Leavers was great. It was the final get-together we really had. We had about 30 people from our school at the same campsite. I met up with dozens of people I haven't seen in years. And I have created heaps of awesome memories that I love reminiscing over with friends."

How accurate is the portrayal of Schoolies with recent news that there have been 11 O.Ds (Overdoses) at the Gold Coast and countless arrests. Is it really one big rave or just some fun with media hype?

"One of my friends got alcohol poisoning. I wasn't

there [at the Gold Coast] though, so I suppose that isn't an incorrect figure and when we were at the hospital getting stitches in my friend's foot someone came in with alcohol poisoning too.

But if you think about it, there are overdoses every single week. The reason why everyone is overdosing this week is that everyone is going hard at the same time.

I'd say that since there is about 20 times the amount of partying going on it is fair to say there can be up to 20 times the amount of overdoses as well."

Do you have any tips for students to have a blast but stay safe if they are planning to go to Schoolies in the future?

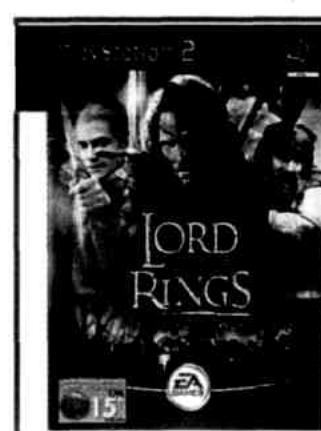
"Go with friends. I rely on this all the time. If you want to get hammered they'll watch your back and the next night you can ease back and go watch your mate. That and don't *** the locals off."

OK great, thanks Blake for talking to LOOP about your experience

"No worries"

It seems the tradition of Schoolies truly represents one of fun, festivities and celebrating the end of an era with your friends.

And if students are careful, safe and smart about it, there is no reason for Schoolies to end.



SONY 2: Review

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers is a foray into the realm of Middle Earth. You choose one of three characters of the fellowship of the Ring—Aragorn, Legolas or Gimli—and guide them through 16 missions of mêlée combat, where you use your superior fighting skills (and combinations of buttons on your controller) to beat back the hordes of Sauron. How you fight is very important: the more daring moves and perfectly executed combos you pull off, the more points you get at the end of the level. The more points you get, the more you can upgrade your attacks, weapons and defensive tactics. The game looks great, provides a good dose of action and is well executed, and it's obvious that a lot of thought has been put into capturing the feel of the films. It's woefully short and most gamers are going to breeze through this in less time than it takes to watch the special features on the Fellowship of the Ring DVD. But if you're a fan of the film or love a bit of mindless button bashing, then this is a good tie-in.

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What is your understanding of to or would you Schoolies Week?

1. A break up where people get intoxicated.
2. Having a good time.
3. People go to have fun.
4. End of school celebration.

Do you think the recent events of Schoolies week in Queensland were appropriate?

1. Yeah but can be improved.
2. Hell yes.
3. Dunno.
4. Nah, gone too far.

How do you think they could improve Schoolies Week?

1. More security.
2. Less ferals and stabbings.
3. More security.
4. Security.



■ Laura



■ Paddy



■ Jeremy

?QUIZ?

- 1/ What is the caterpillar's name in the movie 'A bugs life'?
- 2/ In the flick 'My girl' what was the cause of Thomas Jay's death?
- 3/ In 'Dirty Dancing' who plays the lead male character of Johnny?
- 4/ Who was Lestat's creator in the vampire flick 'Queen of the Damned'?
- 5/ In Ice Cube's comedy 'Friday' what is Craig's best friend's name?
- a. Deebo
- b. Smokey
- c. Puffy
- 6/ Who was Darth Vader before he turned to the dark side?
- 7/ What teen movie is the following quote from? 'I want you, I need you, oh baby, oh baby.'
- 8/ Finish this quote from Drew Barrymore's flick 'Never been kissed' 'Oh my God! You totally ripped off my...'

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The Shrine of Insanity website will allow you to type in your friends' and your names, objects and celebrities in random order to reveal a story that tells of their adventures, love lives, action and horror experiences. You will be crying from laughter by the time you finish the first story, but that's not all, there is a great range and you can do each one over and over again!



Election Reflection

By RACHEL HEWITT

The recent Victorian state election held on Saturday, November 30, saw thousands of young Australians, including myself, vote for the first time. At last I had turned 18 and was finally able to exercise my democratic right as an Australian citizen.

As I received my ballot papers and proceeded to the cardboard polling booth I couldn't help but feel a sense of empowerment.

I had the opportunity to choose which political party I wished to support and hence represent me as part of our electorate.

As one of many young adults voting for the first time I found myself wondering what the impressions of other first-time voters had been. Did they believe their initial voting experience was a moment of

importance? Were they swayed by electoral campaigns? Did they feel ready to vote? I decided to interview four other first-time voters in order to uncover the answers to such questions.

What were your overall impressions of voting for the first time?

1. (I felt) like I was shaping Victoria.
2. (It) made me feel like an Australian citizen for the first time and part of... shaping the future.
3. Yeah, I was excited. I recall saying "I'm going off to shape Victoria".
4. (I was) unimpressed. True democracy is everyone making a full and informed vote. How many people do you know that did that and what efforts were made to inform them?

Did you believe voting for the first time was a moment of importance?

1. Yeah, like when you go out for your

first drink — it's one of those moments. It's part of turning 18.

2. I suppose.
3. Yeah I do. I think living in a country where it's compulsory (to vote) is a good idea otherwise you can have real problems. I took it as my opportunity to have my say.
4. It should be more important than how most treat it.

Were you influenced by the election campaigns?

1. I didn't really look... I knew who I wanted to vote for.
2. Not really.
3. Not especially. I was really put off by the negative campaigning, the mudslinging. If you're going to win then you're going to win on your own merits not because of what someone else can't do.
4. The campaigns did not sway me

because they weren't aimed at our age bracket.

Did you feel prepared to vote?

1. Yes.
2. I knew enough about it to make a conscious decision of who to vote for.
3. Yeah I did.
4. I was ready to vote but can't say the same for others our age.

Do you believe the legal voting age should be changed or stay the same?

1. Same, no younger.
2. Stay the same
3. Stay the same. If you're going to change the age of voting you have to change the age of a lot of other things as well.
4. (It should) remain the same but a more efficient way of informing voters is required.

Thank you to all who participated in this interview.



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'The best of silverchair': a classic collection of silverchair's best recordings, new and old.

Silverchair is named after Nirvana's "Silver" and You am I's "Berlin chair" and the Newcastle trio scored seven 'top 10' singles in Australia over the past six years.

Popular music doesn't evolve in an orderly, linear fashion. It mutates.

It just takes one song, usually it's unexpected and often at an inopportune time. To reconfigure its double-helix DNA strand,

That this can happen in less than three minutes is what helps to keep us tuned in, hoping for that lone single amidst the broadband chatter that puts the past in a different light, burns the present and spins the future off into unseen frontiers.

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★ Film Review ★

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

The excitement is back and things begin to go wrong when a bigger and better than ever.

The enchanting second installment of the hit series, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, opened in cinemas on November 28.

The film is the story of Harry Potter's second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and his adventures with his pals, Hermione and Ron, and their constant fight against the evil dark lord, Voldemort.

'The Chamber of Secrets' shows a far darker side to Hogwarts than the first, with more scares and more danger.

Harry is spending the summer with the Dursleys, which is a real drag and he wishes he was back at Hogwarts. Harry becomes concerned when his friends don't write to him over the summer break and forget his birthday.

It comes Dobby, a house elf, determined to stop Harry from returning to Hogwarts because it is a great danger.

Ron and Harry soon return to Hogwarts as, after mysteriously missing the train, the two drive a flying car.

The Chamber of Secrets has been opened at Hogwarts and

series of attacks are made in the

chamber is loose, bringing back terrible memories of its last at-

tacks 50 years before. Only the heir of Slytherin can open the chamber, and despite being in Gryffindor, Harry's new-found talent of Parseltongue makes him a prime suspect among the

students. The only others to speak Parseltongue was Salazar Slytherin himself and his only remaining descendant, Voldemort.

Hogwarts is in chaos, as the attacks continue, Dumbledore's leadership is tested and the school is on the brink of hysteria and fear.

The fear climaxes as Ron's sister, Ginny Weasley, is attacked and taken inside the chamber. Naturally, Harry and Ron set off to save her.

The adventure becomes dra-

matic, as Harry again, is almost defeated.

The film is a lot different to the

first as it has more action and the

characters have been further de-

veloped.

Big fans will notice that a few minor parts are left out, but overall it is a fine film adaptation and remains truer to the novel than the first.

The acting is excellent, with an array of new characters including Moaning Myrtle, Dobby, Gilderoy Lockhart, Lucius Malfoy, Tom Riddle and Ginny Weasley among them.

The favorites all return with the likes of Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint), Hermione (Emma Watson), Hagrid (Robbie Coltrane), Dumbledore (Richard Harris) and Professor McGonagall (Maggie Smith).

The film is excellent, another long film as expected, but it keeps you entertained for the duration.

Overall, I thought 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets' was great, and I suggest you all run out and see it.

As with the book series, I think each film will improve as they progress, so let's begin the countdown for the Prisoner of Azkaban set to be released in 2003/4.

Lots of magical fun

- Regan



CD Review

Disc 1

Anthem for the year 2000

Freak

Ana's song (open fire)

Emotion sickness

Israel's son

Tomorrow

Cemetery

The door

Miss you love

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Disc 2

Untitled

New race

Trash

Ana's song (open fire)

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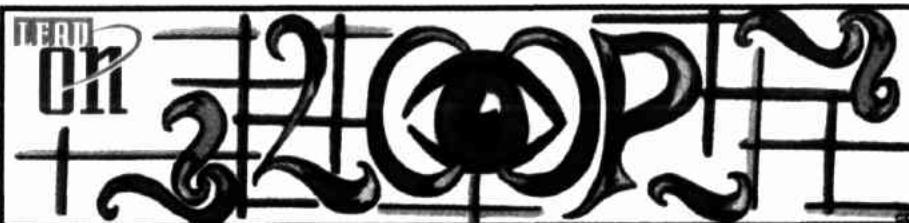
Punk song 2

Wasted/fix me

Minor threat

Freak (re-mix for us rejects)

Spawn (pre-vitro version)



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Writers Recognised

On October 16, grade 6 students Nicole Dohnt and Xavier Hilderbrand represented Echuca and St Mary's Primary schools in the 2002 Nestle Write Around Australia Competition as Northern Country zone finalist.

Nicole and Xavier heard about the competition through school and were both encouraged, along with their fellow grade 5 and 6 students, to write a 500-word short story. The children let their imaginations run wild with any subject matter allowed to be written about.

When Xavier heard he was chosen to spend a day learning how to edit his story in a workshop in Shepparton with author Paul Collins he was very excited.

Nicole on the other hand thought of her stomach, 'I had chocolate on my mind, because it was one of the prizes.' The competition, sponsored by Nestle awarded 10 grade 5 and 10 grade 6 finalist a backpack full of Nestle products. The zone winners went on to the capitals of the state and each won \$500 worth of books for both themselves and their schools.

The competition, which is run each year, promotes awareness in both the writing and reading aspects of young author's lives. It entitles children to experience recognition for their talents and a chance to be awarded for their skills.

These young writers, and many others around Australia, have had their achievements hidden by the explicit media coverage of sports and

entertainment people.

Thanks to the Nestle competition some capable and gifted writers can be proud of their abilities.

When Nicole was asked if she believed authors should be celebrated like singers or television personalities she was strong in her point of view. 'Of course, they should, then you know you've done well in what you like. I think everyone there did really well and without competitions like this they wouldn't know it.'

Nicole has submitted her story "The mistake" to us for your reading.

Out in the outback two shearers, Bruce and Fred, were hard at work shearing sheep.

All day long they sheared sheep. After work, they'd say my hands are killing me because of the heavy hand piece that jiggles about.

At home they'd say 'dear what's for dinner?' as they were taking off their stinky work boots.

The next day Bruce got to work and found Fred wasn't there. Bruce tried to contact him by phone and radio but

everything was disconnected.

Bruce hopped into his ute and set off to Fred's house. Halfway there, he saw spinning in his way a massive, black, spiraling tornado.

Bruce knew he was in trouble so he turned around and raced home. He rang the Royal Flying Doctor Service to see if they could help anyone that might have been hit by it.

Bruce stormed into his house huffing and puffing. 'What's the matter dear?' his wife said, while stirring her cake mix.

'Tornado coming-this-way!' he replied gasping.

'Don't be silly, there's no tornado here, it would have been on the radio', she said pouring her cake mix into a pan.

The wind picked up, becoming furious as it battered against the house. Doors slammed.

Bruce shielded his eyes against the massive, black, twisting juggernaut. Turning, he grabbed his wife by the upper arm and dragged her inside. 'Quick! Get whatever you can —

jewellery, wedding presents — anything. Save all we can.'

Monica pulled back. 'Bruce. I'm scared! It's too late — the tornado's here!'

'That's why you need to be quick. I'll get the photos and valuables.'

As Bruce grabbed the photos albums he ran out the back yard and flung open the two wooden doors to the bomb shelter that he had built early last year.

They had heard that there would be a series of tornadoes coming that way in the near future. He threw a bag of food and the albums downstairs and ran back to Monica.

Monica was grabbing everything — clothes, make-up, jewellery — and handing them to Bruce while he ran back and forwards throwing them into the shelter. For 20 minutes he kept this up until their house was almost empty of things they could carry — even their TV, microwave and toaster went down.

When the time came for Bruce to run out to the shelter they stopped at their back door. A great force held them back. As they held on to each other they watched the tornado rip up the bomb shelter and everything in it.

Their microwave flew past them and all their valuables were taken away. After the tornado had passed they stood dumfounded.

They had nothing but a house and each other all because Bruce was greedy enough to try and save everything.

'Oops, my mistake,' he mumbled as he looked at his angry wife.

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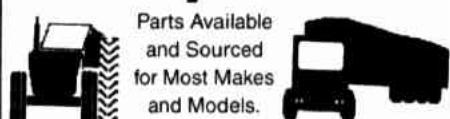
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PEARSE Evelyn May. Passed away at Rochester Hospital on December 7, 2002, aged 86 years. Dearly loved wife of Doug (dec). Loved mother of Joyce, Barbara, Harry, Pam, Annette, William, Joan, Kerry and their families. Mum and Dad Reunited.

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EDNA grand final draws

The grand finals of the Echuca and District Netball Association's spring night netball competitions will be held this week.

Tuesday senior

Presentations will be held following completion of games.

All players and anyone interested is invited to attend.

Duty person: Rebecca Chandler.

6.30pm: Crt 1 Bz Assassins v Buttercups, Crt 2 Az Stubberfield v Gurus, Crt 6 D Coyote v Muffins.

Umpires: G Orr, M Love, A Nichol, B Stening, S Oldham, E Igini.

7.30pm: Crt 1 A Sportspower v Puma, Crt 2 B Amigos v Bluebirds, Crt 6 C Wranglers v Streleckies.

Umpires: G Orr, R Chandler, Joan Jones, R Buckley, A Corneille, S Caning.

Wednesday mixed

Presentations will be held following completion of games.

All players and anyone interested is invited to attend.

Duty person: Rhonda Marshall.

7pm: Crt 1 A Marshmallows v 88's, Crt 2 B Harvest v Mixtures, Crt 6 C Allsorts v Funky Monks.

Umpires: R Battye, B Stening, A Boal, R Buckley, Judy Jones, S Oldham.

8pm: Crt 1 Az Paramount v Comp Windscreens, Crt 2 Bz All Blacks v Devils, Crt 6 McDonalds v D&D's.

Umpires: R Dullard, A Boal, Joan Jones, K Thomson, M Thomson, B Thomson.

Last week's results

A grade: Pumas 26 d In And Out 17.

Az grade: Gurus 28 d Magic 22.

B grade: Amigos 25 d SOS 16.

Bz grade: Buttercups 27 d Funtastic 21.

C grade: Footballers forfeited to Streleckies.

D grade: Superstars forfeited to Muffins.

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Campaspe Cricket Scoreboard

A grade

MOAMA v BUNNALOO

Toss won by Bunnaloo

BUNNALOO

D Edgar c Spittal b Penhall	0
T Hartshorn c Penhall b Harvey	123
B Wagner c Rickard b Penhall	28
A Thompson c Newland b Pearce	4
L Hartshorn c Devitt b Pearce	0
S Edge c Newland b Harvey	26
S Thompson lbw Harvey	5
A Neal c Spittal b Bennett	0
D Wright not out	8
J Hartshorn hit wicket Bennett	0
L Henson c Penhall b Bennett	3
Extras	24
TOTAL	221

Fall: Edgar 0, Wagner 72, A Thompson 92, L Hartshorn 110, T Hartshorn 203, S Edge 206, A Neal 211, S Thompson 211, J Hartshorn 212, L Henson 221.

Bowling: A Penhall 14-1-44-2, S Eddie 7-1-38-0, M Pearce 20-4-46-2, D Stevenson 9-1-26-0, J Bennett 15-2-2-44-3, G Harvey 11-5-16-3.

ECHUCA v UNITED

Toss won by United

UNITED

R Rasmussen b Maddox	13
B Martin c Wise b Maddox	6
S Rasmussen run out	8
D Cuttriss c Kemp b Carlile	11
S Briggs lbw Prendergast	50
A Pappin c Thomson b Maddox	12
B Somerville c Harrison b Prendergast	9
T Hooppell not out	19
M Oakley lbw Carlile	0
C Ryan lbw Carlile	8
D Taylor lbw Thomson	14
Extras	10
TOTAL	160

Fall: Martin 10, R Rasmussen 23, Cuttriss 38, S Rasmussen 52, Pappin 86, Briggs 105, Somerville 112, Oakley 117, Ryan 127, Taylor 160.

Bowling: J Carlile 15-2-42-3, S Maddox 18-4-52-3, B Prendergast 15-4-23-2, R Hogan 22-14-27-0, A Thomson 3.3-0-6-1.

SOUTH v TIGERS

Toss won by Tigers

TIGERS

M Keenan c Lewis b Gelitch	20
D Ward c Good b Bruns	9
J Logie lbw Good	13
G Coghill c Brown b Good	102
B Major c Gelitch b Kirkby	39
C Dellar c Lewis b Gelitch	0
B Mitchell c Good	25
M Crawford c Kirby b Good	9
G Arnott lbw Good	2
A Browning not out	7
J Cleary st Harris b Good	5
Extras	11
TOTAL	244

Fall: Ward 9, Keenan 40, Logie 59, Major 176, Dellar 176, Coghill 212, Mitchell 226, Crawford 229, Arnott 231, Cleary 244.

Bowling: D Bruns 21-7-40-1, D Kelly 13-6-30-0, D Gelitch 11-2-40-2, C Day 8-1-26-0, A Good 19-1-67-6, T Brown 2-0-15-0, R Kirby 6-1-20-1.

B grade

MOAMA v BUNNALOO

Toss won by Moama

MOAMA

P Devitt c Newton b Larcombe	5
C McCartney c Chalmers b Newton	30
G Watt c Parker b Newton	27



■ Rochester United's Brad Somerville hits out during Saturday's match against Echuca at Victoria Park. Photos: KYLIE HALEY.

M Scholes c Parker b Holschier	30	M Dingwall lbw Naikar	11	WARMA
C Eddy not out	100	J Childs lbw Naikar	2	Bowling: S Pappin 8-0-39-3, M Weeks 8-0-29-0, B Parker 6-0-23-1, B Costello 9-7-23-3, G Oakley 4.1-1-18-2.
C Murmane not out	11	T Pentreath b O'Sullivan	28	UNITED
Extras	9	D Barker b O'Sullivan	0	1 M Weeks c Chapman b Waters 9-0-39-3, M Weeks 8-0-29-0, B Parker 6-0-23-1, B Costello 9-7-23-3, G Oakley 4.1-1-18-2.
TOTAL	4/211 dec.	D Cavallaro not out	2	2 R Day c Scott b Schuyler
Fall: Devitt 30, McCartney 42, Watt 75, Scholes 151.		S Trall not out	0	3 W Hall b Scott
Bowling: G Larcombe 13-3-45-1, A Vagg 4-0-19-0, N Newton 6-0-30-2, G Chalmers 6-0-32-0, S Holschier 8-0-52-1, D Berryman 3-0-12-0, N Parker 2-0-16-0.		Extras	34	4 Glen Hall lbw McMaster
BUNNALOO		C grade		5 W Stevens b Scott
C Larcombe b Harris	16	WARMA v ECHUCA		6 B Stevens c White b McMaster
S Holschier b McDonald	14	Toss won by Warma		7 J Wachler lbw White
G Larcombe c McDonald b McCartney	12	ECHUCA		8 T Walsh lbw Mulvahill
A Vagg b McCartney	0	TIGERS		9 Geoff Hall not out
G Chalmers c Langdon b McCartney	9	Toss won by United		10 Extras
N Parker lbw Harris	2	TIGERS		11 TOTAL
N Newton c Watt b McCartney	0	UNITED v TIGERS		12 Fall: Wilson 0, C Day 8, R Day 13, W Hall 16, W Stevens 16, Hernick 25, Walsh 31, B Stevens 32, Glen Hall 62, Wachler 97.
D Berryman b Harris	3	Toss won by United		13 Bowling: J. Scott 8-1-15-3, M Schuyler 8-4-14-1, G Mulvahill 7-0-20-2, J McMaster 8-2-16-2, R White 4.5-0-16-1, T McMaster 2-0-10-0.
D Douglas-Garden b Perry	0	TIGERS		14 Echuca won by four runs.
J Scott b G Hall	9	UNITED v TIGERS		15 TIGERS
T McMaster c Wilson b C Day	6	Toss won by United		16 S Chapman c Costello b Pappin
T McLoughlin b W Hall	2	TIGERS		17 A Glass c&b Pappin
C Bruty c R Day b Stevens	9	UNITED		18 J Waters b Pappin
H Moore b W Hall	1	Toss won by United		19 D Pymer run out
M Schuyler b Stevens	1	TIGERS		20 S Warner b Parker
R White b G Hall	14	UNITED		21 M Haisman c Weeks b Oakley
R McHugh run out	1	Toss won by United		22 G Rome c&b Costello
G Mulvahill not out	6	TIGERS		23 R Wilson c Dockery b Costello
B Ridge c W Hall b G Hall	9	UNITED		24 J Bryant b Oakley
Extras	20	Toss won by United		25 G Griffiths c Oakley b Costello
TOTAL	101	TIGERS		26 I Jones not out
Fall: Holschier 16, G Larcombe 36, A Vagg 49, C Larcombe 51, Chalmers 61, Parker 61, Newton 61, Berryman 64, Douglas-Garden 74, Anderson 74.		UNITED		27 Extras
Bowling: J McDonald 9-2-24-1, C McCartney 15-7-25-4, B Harris 9-4-14-4, M Perry 2-1-3-1.		TIGERS		28 TOTAL
SOUTH v TIGERS		Toss won by South		29 Fall: Pappin 1, Weeks 33, Dempsey 34, Montague 53, Costello 64, Hubbard 71, Dockery 89, Hobbs 120, McKean 122, Oakley 126.
TIGERS		SOUTH		30 Bowling: J Waters 8-0-42-3, M Haisman 8-1-30-3, R Wilson 5-0-21-0, J Bryant 6.3-1-20-3, D Pymer 2-1-1.
MOAMA v SOUTH		SOUTH		31 Tigers won by 11 runs.
MOAMA		MOAMA v SOUTH		MOAMA
TIGERS		Toss won by South		32 M Key c Bawden b Henery
UNITED		SOUTH		33 P Marshall c Gibson b Power
UNITED v TIGERS		SOUTH		34 D Murley c D Phipps b Gibson
TIGERS		SOUTH		35 A Whyte c Harrison b D Phipps
UNITED v TIGERS		SOUTH		36 A Murrells c Roffey
TIGERS		SOUTH		37 L Curson c D Phipps
UNITED		SOUTH		38 T Bonnett not out
UNITED v TIGERS		SOUTH		39 K Barnett c Roffey
TIGERS		SOUTH		40 L White c&b Harrison
UNITED		SOUTH		41 J Hard c Roffey
UNITED v TIGERS		SOUTH		42 R Key c Roffey
TIGERS		SOUTH		43 Extras
UNITED		SOUTH		44 TOTAL
UNITED v TIGERS		SOUTH		45 Fall: Key 88, Marshall 134, Murley 140, Whyte 146, Curson 146, Murrells 147, Barnett 147, Hard 156, White 164, Key 167.
TIGERS		SOUTH		46 Bowling: D Phipps 8-1-23-2, P Clark 5-0-19-0, T Henery 8-0-31-1, B Gibson 8-2-25-1, N Roffey 4-1-15-4, K Phipps 2-0-4-0, W Power 4-0-37-1, T Harrison 1-1-0-1.
UNITED		SOUTH		47 MOAMA
UNITED v TIGERS		SOUTH		48 K Phipps c&b Bonnett
TIGERS		SOUTH		49 J Schroder b Key
UNITED		SOUTH		50 M Bawden b White
UNITED v TIGERS		SOUTH		51 T Henery c Marshall b Murley
TIGERS		SOUTH		52 J Power c Bonnett b Hard
UNITED		SOUTH		53 D Phipps lbw Hard
UNITED v TIGERS		SOUTH		54 N Roffey lbw Barnett
TIGERS		SOUTH		55 P Clark run out
UNITED		SOUTH		56 B Gibson c Curson b Hard
UNITED v TIGERS		SOUTH		57 J Lewis not out
TIGERS		SOUTH		58 T Harrison b Marshall
UNITED		SOUTH		59 Extras
UNITED v TIGERS		SOUTH		60 TOTAL
TIGERS		SOUTH		61 Fall: Schroder 1, K Phipps 1, Henery 71, Bawden 101, Power 110, D Phipps 127, Roffey 129, Clark 130, Gibson 173, Harrison 178.
UNITED		SOUTH		62 Bowling: M Key 8-1-35-1, T Bonnett 7-1-22-0, D Murley 5-0-20-1, L White 6-0-43-1, J Hard 7-0-29-3, K Barnett 4-0-13-1, A Murrells 2-0-8-0, P Marshall 0-3-0-1-1.
UNITED v TIGERS		SOUTH		63 Moama won by 11 runs.



Riv Sport

Poor weather for triathlon

In what were the worst conditions so far this season, Wednesday night's triathlon was changed to a duathlon as the bike leg was considered too dangerous in the wet and windy weather.

Despite the terrible weather, the 300 metre swim and 4.4km run was challenge enough, though maybe not for the Nevill family.

In what is becoming a

common theme this season, the Nevill family once again took out first place as well as second on the night.

The Echuca-Moama Triathlon Club is fast learning what Moama Public School has known for years, both Elise and William Nevill are talented and determined athletes who continue to improve week after week.

Before long Scott Foreman and Ann Barton will be looking over their shoulder.

One of the highlights of the night was the first appearance of Echuca's bronze medallist at the Masters Games, Bruce Walker, who showed his prowess in the pool by completing the swim in the fastest time of four minutes and 15 seconds.

Elise Nevill won on handicap in a time of 33

minutes and 56 seconds, off a handicap of four minutes.

William Nevill was second in a time of 33 minutes and 58 seconds off a handicap of seven and a half minutes.

Fastest female was Ann Barton in a time of 28 minutes and 40 seconds, while fastest male was Troy Watts in a time of 22 minutes and three seconds.

Of note this week was Ray Hamilton and Tania Herman's tactic of quietly starting before their handicap time, nice try guys.

There was no early meeting to get to this week Ray!

Next week's event is back at the river starting at the Vic Park boat ramp at 6pm.

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Christmas races on today

Racing at Echuca today will have a Christmas theme with Campaspe Real Estate and Livestock and DWM Solutions having their Christmas break-ups on course.

The Echuca West Primary School will also be on course to greet Santa and don the reindeer antlers during their course tour.

A strong eight-race program will start at 12.10pm with a 1400 metre maiden, while the last race is at 4.25pm.

Kneci and Rose Royce look the best chances in the first race.

Race two is also over 1400 metres and the local Sangus Creek, trained by Geoff MacKenzie, ran well at Swan Hill and gets a great opportunity to open her winning account.

In-form jockey Brian Johns will take the ride. Hardest to beat looks to be Minx.

Race three is an open affair. Blown Budget ran well at his debut at Benalla and he should be quite competitive.

Race four kicks off the quaddie, a class two race over 1600 metres.

Bomber Jim was competitive last start and Front The Judge won well here two starts back.

The local Dieu's Place has been consistent this time in and could give Gwenda and Mick Johnstone an early Christmas present.

Race five is the West School Cup over 1000 metres where the toppy, Tommix, is the class runner.

His recent form has all been in Melbourne, including a third at Caulfield three starts ago. First up is the only concern.

Intermagic goes well fresh, as does Lightning Tears for the father and daughter combination of Dennis and Nakita Beriman.

Race six is a class three over 1400 metres and let's hope for a local quinella with Lawskin and Lord Carramar. Both go well on their home track and the 1400 metres looks ideal.

Race seven is for the fillies and mares, where the last start winner My Heart Racer set her owner George Vales' heart racing with a narrow victory.

A repeat of that effort would see her hard to beat in this. The toppy Purrica will be hard to beat, as will Rosuma.

The lucky last is over 1100 metres and Star And Hope looks a good each-way chance to send the punters home in front.

On behalf of Echuca Racing Club, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and a New Year full of winners.

Good punting —Percy the Punter

Squash grand finals this week

In the Tuesday night squash competition at the YMCA, True Value lost to Team Nine two rubbers, eight games and 107 points to Team Nine's two rubbers, eight games and 118 points.

Chris O'Connor had a three game to two win over Gary De Merlo in what was a great game of squash.

Neil Mann just got over the line against Jason Bourke in five.

Team One caused an upset win over Hall's Heroes, winning two rubbers, eight games and 103 points to two rubbers, seven games and 94 points.

Kevin Brown played well for the winners, as did Jan Harris.

The grand finals will be played on Tuesday night at 7pm. All teams are asked to bring supper.

Finalists for division one are Team Two and Team Nine, while Team Eight and Team One will play off in division two.

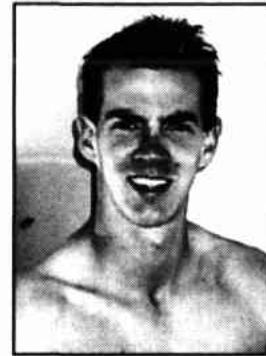
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Echuca Cricket Club's C grade all-round ace Luke Gray's cricket career reached new heights a fortnight ago when he single handedly destroyed Rochester Tigers to finish with the mind boggling figures of 7/12 off seven overs.

Gray stuck early, taking two wickets in the first over, leaving Rochy reeling at 2/0. He struck again in his second over, however his figures took a bit of a battering as his quicker ball slipped through the boundary, handing the Tickers a much-needed four byes.

Not to be deterred, Gray quickly consolidated, taking another two wickets to find himself on a hat-trick, however it was thwarted by Tigers' captain Haisman.

Keen for revenge, Gray knocked over Haisman a few balls later and from there the tail collapsed. Gray also managed 25 runs with the bat, which almost rivalled the total of the Tigers, who were dismissed for only 29, with sundries top scoring with 15.

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(4) 1.55 Gunbower Races Jan. 4 Hcp (C2) 1618 m.
(Claims allowed)

1—30X4 Del's Obsession d (9)
2—6X13 Flying Heights d (2)
3—4X15 Ton Of Class tdm (3)
4—27X3 Bomber Jim dm (7)
5—1126 Ducasse d (5)
6—5313 Front The Judge c (10)
7—X510 Tyrring d (8)
8—4318 Frank's Title (4)
9—8176 Amus dm (6)
10—5564 Dieu's Place tdm (1)

Scratched 54.0
Emergencies 54.0
C Dean 54.0
M Goring 56.5
7 Eagle Legal h (1) 56.5

V Caddy (a) 53.5
W Hokai 53.5
E Marchant 53.5

(7) 3.45 Campaspe Real Estate Hcp (C1) 1412m.
(No claims) 3-y-o and up Fillies & Mares.

1—65X3 Purrica (8)
2—0X1X Anglaise d (7)
3—4X14 Rosuma d (4)
4—64X5 Kyiv Magic dm (6)
5—0X92 Romandrama (12)
6—7X24 Henpecked (10)
7—1304 Spy Trap (13)
8—5194 Tanforan d (11)
9—6X10 Taniculai (5)
10—3859 House Of Stouch dm (1)
11—0215 Mini Grey m (9)

Nicholas Ryan (a) 54.5
M Evans 54.5
Emergency 54.5

D Short 54.5

(2) 12.45 Harvest Hotel Mdn Pte 1412 m.
(Claims allowed) 3-y-o and up Fillies & Mares.

1—56X8 Confetti Girl (4)
2—69X0 Ladies Mile (3)
3—7526 Mink (6)
4—47X7 River Ballad (8)
5—X292 Sangus Creek h (9)
6—6638 Sequoia's Belle (1)
7—4347 Tarazam (5)
8—64 Bourne Blue (2)
9—8658 Marian Miss (7)
10—9205 Swift Amy (10)

M Evans 56.5
A Prentis 56.5
C Massey 56.5
E Brennan (a2) 56.5
B E Johns 56.5
Nicholas Ryan (a3) 56.5
B Rawiller 56.5
J Didham 55.0
S Aitken 55.0
M Heagney 55.0

J Didham 56.5
B Rawiller 57.0
M Heagney 57.0

(5) 2.30 Echuca West School Xmas Cup-C4 1009 m.
(Claims allowed)

1—30X9 Tommix (6)
2—510X Intermagic (1)
3—515X Sudaam dm (4)
4—0X07 Lightning Tears cdm (5)
5—2711 Romantic Lover d (7)
6—4584 Maybe Dear d (2)
7—0601 My Kirana d (9)
8—7410 Nelanje d (3)
9—2180 Street Market d (8)

Ms N Beriman (a3) 56.0
A Ledger 55.5
V Caddy (a) 53.5
Ms Michelle Payne (a) 53.5
J D'Arcy (a3) 53.5
E Marchant 53.5

(6) 3.05 K F C Kids Day Out Hcp (C3) 1412 m.
(Claims allowed)

1—41X0 Bandares m (2)
2—1178 Bend The Rules d (1)
3—18X6 Gray O'Toole dm (3)
4—0X28 Comtrice (9)
5—6400 Elegant Rhapsody dm (6)
6—0X80 Galactic Rose dm (4)
7—X628 Lawskin tdm (7)

X Smith (a3) 58.0
M Heagney 56.0
G Murphy 55.0
L Robertson 54.5
A Austin (a3) 53.5
T Barry 53.5
Ms Michelle Payne (a) 53.5

(8) 4.25 Hereford House Butchers Hcp-C3 1109 m.
(Claims allowed)

1—37X5 Palarchi (11)
2—26X6 Cognito (12)
3—734X El Monte dm (3)
4—2115 Sir Topaz b (10)
5—03X1 Full Speed Ahead (13)

6—3961 Rimba Soledad d (9)
7—709X Windsor d (1)
8—148X Eradicator (15)
9—77X Star And Hope t (7)

10—5184 Alinity m (4)
11—7X54 Bayhula d (6)
12—13X0 Core Blimey (14)

Emergencies 54.5

M Evans 56.5
B Rawiller 56.5
J Didham 55.5
B E Johns 55.0

Nicholas Ryan (a3) 54.5
E Brennan (a2) 54.5
Scratched 54.5

(9) 3.05 K F C Kids Day Out Hcp (C3) 1412 m.
(Claims allowed)

1—37X5 Palarchi (11)
2—26X6 Cognito (12)
3—734X El Monte dm (3)
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Emergencies 54.5

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Nicholas Ryan (a3) 54.5
E Brennan (a2) 54.5
Scratched 54.5

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Emergencies 54.5

M Evans 56.5
B Rawiller 56.5
J Didham 55.5
B E Johns 55.0

Nicholas Ryan (a3) 54.5
E Brennan (a2) 54.5
Scratched 54.5

(11) 3.05 K F C Kids Day Out Hcp (C3) 1412 m.
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Emergencies 54.5

M Evans 56.5
B Rawiller 56.5
J Didham 55.5
B E Johns 55.0

Nicholas Ryan (a3) 54.5
E Brennan (a2) 54.5
Scratched 54.5

(12) 3.05 K F C Kids Day Out Hcp (C3) 1412 m.
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■ Rochester Tigers' batsman Mick Keenan sets off for a quick single during Saturday's match against Echuca South.

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Smashing centuries

Hartshorn, Coghill both score tons

Centuries to Bunnaloo's Ted Hartshorn and Rochester Tigers' Glenn Coghill have put their respective sides in good positions after the first day's play on Saturday in the Campaspe Cricket Association's round seven matches.

Hartshorn continued his good form with the bat with a fantastic knock of 123, helping Bunnaloo to be all out for 221 in the match against Moama.

Hartshorn's 247 minute innings included only five boundaries, with the bulk of his runs coming in ones and twos during his 187 ball stay at the crease.

However, apart from Hartshorn, the rest of Bunnaloo's batsman failed to make much of an impression on the

scorecard, with the exception of Brenton Wagner and Shane Edge.

After losing opener David Edgar for a duck in the first over, Wagner and Hartshorn then combined for a 72-run partnership, before Wagner was dismissed for 28.

Hartshorn and Edge then put on a 97-run stand for the fifth wicket, before Hartshorn was dismissed by Moama captain Gary Harvey.

After his dismissal, Bunnaloo then lost its last five wickets for only 18 runs to be all out for 221 in the 77th over.

Jade Bennett and Harvey were the best of Moama's bowlers, taking 3/44 and

3/16 respectively, while Anthony Penhall took 2/44 and Mark Pearce claimed 2/46.

After making 97 last round, Rochester Tigers' batsman Glenn Coghill continued his great form, making 102 against Echuca South on Saturday.

Coghill's innings, which included eight boundaries, provided the backbone to the Tigers' total of 244 from 80 overs.

Coghill and Brad Major shared in a valuable 117-run stand for the fourth wicket, with Major dismissed for 39.

Opener Mick Keenan and all-rounder Brent Mitchell were the other two contributors for the Tigers, making 20 and 25 runs respectively.

Echuca South's Andrew Goodwise bowled tightly to finish with 0/27 off 22 overs, including 14 maidens.

Simon Maddox was again among the wickets for Echuca, taking 3/52 off 18 overs, while Jason Carlile claimed 3/42 off 15 overs and Brendan Prendergast took 2/23 off 15 overs.

Apart from Briggs, the rest of United's batsmen failed to go on and make a big score after getting starts, with Tony Hoopell the next highest scorer with an unbeaten 19.

In reply, Echuca faced three overs on Saturday, finishing at 0/8, with Grant Harrison four not out and Sam Alcock not out for one.

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